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Reply to attn. of: Office of Communications

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FOIA: 19-HQ-F-00246

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 26, 2018, and received at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters FOIA Office on January 28, 2019. Please be advised, that due to a lapse of federal funding, we are currently responding to all FOIA requests that were sent to NASA during the Government Shutdown which lasted from December 22, 2018 through January 25, 2019, which caused the delay in acknowledging your FOIA request. Your request was assigned FOIA Case Number 19-HQ-F-00246 and was for:

Files mentioning or generated as a result of the 2015 claim by “AnonSec” that NASA flight and radar logs and videos and documents had been hacked, along with a Global Hawk Drone. NASA responded by stating that the footage was already publicly available, and nothing had been hacked. At the time, NASA released a statement saying, “Control of our Global Hawk aircraft was not compromised. NASA has no evidence to indicate the alleged hacked data are anything other than already publicly available data. NASA takes cybersecurity very seriously and will continue to full investigate all of these allegations.”

This letter is to inform you that additional time is necessary to coordinate with another NASA office having a substantial subject-matter interest in the determination of the request in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552. Please be advised, if an exemption is applied we anticipate FOIA Exemption 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6). We hope to send you our final response within the next few weeks.

In accordance with our NASA FOIA Regulations, 14 CFR §1206.700 you have the right to treat this delay as a denial and may appeal this decision within 90 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing and should be addressed to:

Administrator
NASA Headquarters
Executive Secretariat
MS 9R17
300 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20546
ATTN: FOIA Appeals

The appeal should be marked, both on the envelope and the face of the appeal letter, with the legend "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." Your appeal should be accompanied by a copy of your original request, the 10-day extension letter and this letter, along with a brief statement of the reasons why you believe this initial decision to be in error.

Prior to filing an appeal, you may contact Chief FOIA Public Liaison, to obtain further assistance or seek dispute resolution services for any aspect of your request. You may also send correspondence to Ms. Fox at the following address:

Stephanie Fox
Chief FOIA Public Liaison
Freedom of Information Act Office
NASA Headquarters
300 E Street, S.W., 5P32
Washington D.C. 20546
Phone: 202-358-1553
Email: Stephanie.K.Fox@nasa.gov

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the national Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
[Telephone: \(202\) 741-5770](tel:(202)741-5770)
[Toll free: 1-877-684-6448](tel:1-877-684-6448)
[Fax: \(202\) 741-5769](tel:(202)741-5769)

Important: Please note that contacting any agency official including the undersigned or NASA's Principal FOIA Officer and/or OGIS referenced above is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90 day appeal clock.

We regret the delay and appreciate your consideration in this matter. I am the official responsible for this denial. Please feel free to contact me at hq-foia@nasa.gov or 202-358-2462.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Josephine Sibley".

Josephine Sibley
Headquarters
FOIA Public Liaison Officer